



## Health in All Policies Task Force<sup>1</sup> Update to the Strategic Growth Council October - December 2017

### Key Accomplishments

- Recruitment is underway for the 2018 Government Alliance for Race and Equity (GARE) Capitol Cohort pilot, which kicks off in January:
  - The HiAP Task Force hosted an information session on October 30<sup>th</sup> in the Governor's Office Council Room. Over 25 departments and agencies participated in the session, which included speakers from GARE, Government Operations Agency, Strategic Growth Council, California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and the California Department of Housing and Community Development.
  - Staff are providing technical assistance to interested departments, including guiding departments through the enrollment process and strategizing team formation.
- In partnership with the HiAP Task Force, the CDPH Climate Change and Health Equity Program is developing a compendium of health equity language, metrics, and best practices for climate change-related grant guidelines, plans and policies, as well as a training on health equity best practices to provide to grant reviewers.
- The World Health Organization and Government of South Australia released a new book, Progressing the Sustainable Development Goals through Health in All Policies: Case studies from around the world, featuring 13 case studies of Health in All Policies from around the world, including a chapter on the history, evolution, and accomplishments of the California HiAP Task Force. The case study book documents experiences, capturing important elements of HiAP practice through an analysis of established and emerging models, and focuses on the relationship between HiAP and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. Links to the California chapter and the full book can be found here: <http://sgc.ca.gov/Initiatives/HiAP-Publications.html>.

### HiAP Task Force Activity Highlights

#### Action Plan to Promote Equity in Government Practices:

- HiAP staff are working with two graduate students from the University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health, to develop an evaluation plan for the technical assistance provided to departments that participate in the GARE Capitol Cohort pilot.

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<sup>1</sup> The California Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force was charged by Executive Order S-04-10 in 2010 to identify priority programs, policies, and strategies to improve the health of Californians while also advancing the goals of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). The Task Force consists of representatives from 22 State agencies, departments, and offices, who contribute their time to this initiative. The HiAP Task Force is staffed through a partnership between the SGC, the California Department of Public Health, and the Public Health Institute. For more information on the HiAP Task Force: <http://www.sgc.ca.gov/Initiatives/Health-In-All-Policies.html>

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- HiAP staff are recruiting a graduate student to provide data and policy analysis regarding strategies to reduce racial pay inequity in California state service.

#### **Action Plan to Promote Parks and Healthy Tree Canopy:**

In anticipation of Council endorsement of the full plan, Task Force members are implementing actions listed in the HiAP Action Plan to Promote Parks and Healthy Tree Canopy. For example:

- HiAP staff briefed CAL FIRE leadership on the plan and strategized early implementation activities
- The Government Operations Agency and Division of the State Architect, among others, are exploring the feasibility of an update to California Green Building Standards Code to mandate tree planting as a heat island reduction provision.
- HiAP staff presented the draft action plan objectives at the Public Health Work Group of the Climate Action Team.

#### **Active Transportation:**


On October 26<sup>th</sup> the HiAP Task Force convened the Land Use, Schools, and Health Work Group, including representatives from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, Department of Education, Public Health, Division of the State Architect, Caltrans, and High Speed Rail Authority.

- The Division of the State Architect provided a briefing on a proposed code change to require shade tree canopy in school parking lots.
- The Work Group reviewed the General Plan Guidelines update and strategized efforts to engage local educational agencies.
- The Work Group hosted a representative from the Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning, to learn about key issues related to school siting in Sweden and share lessons learned from California.

#### **External Capacity Building and Outreach Highlights**

The Task Force continues to be a model for communities in California and other states. Staff and Task Force members frequently give presentations about their involvement in and lessons learned from participating in the initiative. For example:

- On October 25<sup>th</sup>, staff from the SGC, HiAP, and the CDPH Climate Change and Health Equity teams gave a presentation to the California Chronic Disease Prevention Leadership Project on opportunities for local health departments to engage in California Climate Investment Programs.
- On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, HiAP staff convened stakeholders to provide input on the GARE Capitol Cohort pilot, including members of Café de California, Chicano Latino State Employees Association, and the Association of California State Employees with Disabilities, all representatives of the Coalition of State Civil Rights Organizations.
- On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Public Health Institute's HiAP staff convened the PHI HiAP stakeholder group meeting to get input on racial equity capacity building and opportunities to work explicitly on domestic violence prevention.
- Between November 6-8<sup>th</sup>, HiAP and CDPH Climate Change and Health Equity Program staff organized several sessions at the American Public Health Association's annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. Sessions included 1) a panel of HiAP practitioners from Denver, Nashville, and Minnesota discussing HiAP as an approach to address racial equity and climate change; 2) CDPH's approach to reducing vulnerability to the health impacts of climate change by improving living conditions with and for people facing inequities; 3) a panel on climate justice, health equity, and disability rights; and 4) a presentation on how structural racism increases the vulnerability of people of color to the health equity impacts of climate change, and must therefore be addressed by institutional change efforts such as the CDPH Racial and Health Equity Plan and other cross-systemic governmental actions to reduce inequities.

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- On November 8<sup>th</sup>, HiAP staff provided a presentation to leadership of the Jamaican government, as part of a HiAP training being provided by the World Health Organization.
  - HiAP staff is participating on the Policy Advisory Group of the California Preterm Birth Initiative (PTBi), and supported a working session at the November 15<sup>th</sup> PTBi Symposium on Racism and Prematurity.
  - The World Health Organization released [Progressing the Sustainable Development Goals through Health in All Policies: Case studies from around the world, which is](#) a new book featuring 13 case studies of Health in All Policies from around the world, including a chapter about the history, evolution, and accomplishments of the California HiAP Task Force. The chapter is available for viewing on the SGC's website.

For further information about the California Health in All Policies Task Force, please see [http://www.sgc.ca.gov/s\\_hiap.php](http://www.sgc.ca.gov/s_hiap.php) or contact [hiap@sgc.ca.gov](mailto:hiap@sgc.ca.gov).